



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

The Kentucky Board of Education has received 80+ applications for the commissioner of education's position and overall we are pleased at the quality of the candidates. At the June meeting, the board narrowed the field to a group of semifinalists that were interviewed on June 15-16 in Cincinnati. From this group, we will likely choose the finalists to bring in for a second round of interviews. Our hope is to have the new commissioner in place by late summer. Stay tuned for more details as we move through the search process.



BOARD GIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

At the June 10-11 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education announced the creation of the "Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award -- Striving for Achievement Through Instructional Equity". It will be awarded annually to an individual or group with outstanding accomplishments in striving to help all students achieve at high levels through instructional equity and in closing the achievement gap. The award is being established to honor the tremendous work and dedication of long-time department employee, Associate Commissioner of Special Instructional Services Johnnie Grissom. She will be the first recipient of the award and it will be presented to her at the August board meeting.



Also recognized at the June meeting was Myra Morgan, Kentucky's 2008-09 Milken Educator Award recipient. Chair Joe Brothers presented her with the award from the Milken Foundation and shared the following information about Myra:

- She is a kindergarten teacher at Gallatin Elementary in the Gallatin County School District.
- Myra combines proven, research-based instructional methods with music and dance to reinforce learning.
- She and her team have implemented the school's research-based reading program, Literacy First, with strong results and have demonstrated great success with the Building Blocks reading and writing preparation program.
- As department chair and leader of the kindergarten team, Myra led her colleagues in executing an effective transition of Gallatin Elementary's kindergarten program from half-day to full-day.
- She and her colleagues developed a user-friendly report card to show parents how their children are progressing academically and created a guided self-study to help students with low test scores improve their achievement.
- Myra is chair of the school's core curriculum committee, a member of the district leadership team and a mentor of new teachers through the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP).

For more information on the Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov . For more information on Myra Morgan or the Milken Educator Award, contact Donna Melton at 502-564-1479 or via email at Donna.Melton@education.ky.gov .

PUPIL ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR REGULATIONS APPROVED

702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance along with 702 KAR 7:140, School District Calendar were given final approval by the board at the June meeting. The Pupil Attendance regulation included the following changes:

- More current terminology and revised definitions were reflected for clarity.
- The calculation of daily attendance was revised to reflect assignment of a tardy for any absence less than 35% of the school day and a half-day absence for any absence that is at least 35% of the school day but at most 84% of the school day. Any absence greater than 84% of the school day is counted as a whole day. Due to implementation technicalities, these changes will go into effect on July 1, 2010.
- A change in enrollment codes adds new codes for graduation that indicate the number of years in high school needed by the student to fulfill the graduation requirement. This includes a code for early graduation as well as a code for students who take longer than the usual four-year period. Also included is a code to identify students who were expected to enroll in a district on the first day but did not show up.
- The revision in ethnicity and race codes is a result of changes promulgated by the federal government. Ethnicity is determined as either Hispanic or Not Hispanic. Then, the race of the student is identified by selection of at least one of the seven race codes provided in the federal guidelines.
- Language that dealt with the school calendar guidelines has been deleted and moved to a separate regulation.

The School District Calendar regulation contains the language on school calendar guidelines that was deleted from the Pupil Attendance regulation. No language changes were made to the contents. The calendar language was simply used to create a separate regulation for clarity and simplicity.

For more information on these regulations, contact Kay Kennedy at 502-564-5279 or via email at Kay.Kennedy@education.ky.gov .

BOARD APPOINTS AT-LARGE MEMBER TO KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL

The Kentucky Board of Education appointed Gene Norris of Georgetown as an at-large member of the KHSAA Board of Control for a term beginning July 2009 through June 2013. Norris will replace Dr. Steve Parker whose term ends June 30, 2009. He is the Associate Minister at the First Baptist Church of Georgetown and works with the youth of the church. Mr. Norris has served on the school-based decision making councils at Northern Elementary and Scott County High School and is currently serving on the Task Force to End the Achievement Gap for Scott County Schools. He is the father of two high school student athletes.

The KHSAA Constitution requires the appointment of four outside, at-large members to the Board of Control by the Kentucky Board of Education as recommended by the commissioner of education. Terms of the at-large members are staggered so that one is appointed each year.

For more information on this appointment, contact Michael Dailey at 502-564-1479 or via email at Michael.Dailey@education.ky.gov .

BOARD MAKES APPOINTMENTS TO P-16 COUNCIL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

With unanimous approval from the board, Chair Joe Brothers appointed state board member David Kareem of Louisville to serve a three-year term as one of the board's representatives on the state level P-16 Council. Kareem replaces Jeanne Ferguson upon the end of her term on the Council. Additionally, Billy Harper of Paducah was appointed to serve as chair of the P-16 Council for the next year.

As is called for by board policy this time of year, Chair Brothers appointed state board members to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will bring forward a slate of board officers for the coming year to the August meeting. The committee consists of Austin Moss, Chair; Judy Gibbons; Doug Hubbard; and Dorie Combs.

For more information on these appointments, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov .

BOARD SETS MEETING DATES FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011

The board approved the following meeting dates for 2009, 2010 and 2011:

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 2, 2009	Special meeting for reference	Lexington
July 8, 2009	feedback on candidates for commissioner	
August 5-6, 2009	Special meeting for Round 2 of	TBD
September 9, 2009	interviews for commissioner, if needed	
	Regular meeting	Frankfort
	Regular meeting	Kentucky Dam Village
		State Park, Gilbertsville
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 10-11, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 3, 2010	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
April 13-14, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 15, 2010	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Ashland
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2011

<u>2011</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 2-3, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 2, 2011	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
April 13-14, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 11-12, 2011	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 8-9, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, KY
October 5-6, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7-8, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on the board's schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or susan.palmer@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE JUNE 10-11 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the April 1-2 regular meeting and May 12-13 annual retreat meeting
- 701 KAR 7:031, Repeal of 701 KAR 5:035, Procedures for Record Requests (Final)

- District facility plans for Calloway, Christian, Fulton, Grayson, Jefferson, McLean, Perry, Rockcastle, and Woodford Counties and Caverna, Corbin, Covington, Harlan, Ludlow, and Monticello Independents
- District facility plan amendments for Bracken, Franklin, Grant, Pike, and Spencer County School Districts
- Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) requested by Fort Thomas Independent School District
- 2010 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- 2008 Report, 2008 Exceptions, and 2010 Plan for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members
- Certification of non-public preschool
- Certification of non-public schools
- Preschool funding, 2009-10 rates
- Payment of NASBE dues

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AT THE JUNE 10-11 MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Hearing Officer's Report
- 2010-2012 Biennial Budget Process
- 704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services (Review)
- Extended School Services Program
- Reports from Jefferson County, Christian County and Covington Independent School Districts on the status of school and district support plans
- Report from the Union County School District on the status of their school and district support plans
- KDE Employment Report
- SB 1 update
- Race to the Top opportunity
- Review of individuals' applications for the position of commissioner of education

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 10-11, 2009, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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